(b) if so, what remedial measures are proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) National Airports Division and International Airports Divisions of Airports Authority of India (AAI) are not working independently, except that Recruitment and Promotion (R and P) Regulations followed are separate in both the divisions as were before the merger of the two authorities in 1995. This has, however, not lowered the profits of AAI. Action is at hand to have common R and P Regulations for both divisions of AAI.

Rationalisation of Airport Security

2612. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to rationalize the situation at the airports because of CDS security risks by bringing custom and immigration under the authority of Airport Director under his Ministry;

(b) whether Government would ensure that the Airport Director can be from any of the three different departments by virtue of his seniority, popularity and performance at the airport; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Remittance of Money Abroad by U.P. Airways

2613. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P. Airways has sent money abroad through its other companies;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times reporting that the U.P. Airways and its Director have done a fraud of crores of Rupees with the Canara Bank, Guwahati; and

(c) if so, the action being taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Leasing out of Airports to Private Enterprises

2614. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th February, 2000 and state:

(a) the conditions on which the airports are proposed to be leased out to private enterprises and the financial implications involved therein; and

(b) the manner in which the airports are proposed to be leased out?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has engaged financial consultant to advise AAI on the process of privatisation of airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai through long term lease. The conditions and the manner of leasing out of airports will be decided on the basis of the report of the financial consultant.

Induction of New Aircrafts by IA and Private Airlines

2615. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any proposal is pending before Government to induct new aeroplanes for the service of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines are including new aeroplanes in their fleet and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what safety measures are taken by Government for using the rented foreign aeroplanes by private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.